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SUBJ: PRESS ARTICLE CHARGES OFFICIAL US ROLE IN NAMIBIA ATROCITIES

1. GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY NEWS OF APRIL 30 CARRIED DAKAR  
DATELINE STORY ON SWAPO COMMUNIQUE ABOUT EXTERMINATION OF  
PEOPLE IN "CLOSED ZONES" IN NAMIBIA. ARTICLE CHARGES BOSS AND  
CIA HAVE CREATED "A VAST REPRESSIVE SYSTEM WHICH RESTS ON  
NUMEROUS CONCENTRATION CAMPS" WHERE ARE EMPLOYED" AMERICAN  
SPECIALISTS AND FORMER SS MEN WHO SHARE THEIR 'EXPERIENCE'  
WITH BOSS SPECIALISTS, AFRICAN TRAITORS AND MERCENARIES."

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"AMERICAN MILITARY SPECIALISTS" ARE CITED AS RECOMMENDING USE  
OF PRISONERS AS LIVE TARGETS FOR PRACTICE SHOOTING.

2. TEXT OF ARTICLE FOLLOWS: BEGIN TEXT: THE SOUTH AFRICAN  
RECISTS HAVE TURNED A NUMBER OF AREAS IN NAMIBIA INTO  
"CLOSED ZONES" WHERE THEY SYSTEMATICALLY EXTERMINATE INDIVIDUALS  
AND WHOLE ETHNIC GROUPS WHICH SUPPORT SWAPO AND WHICH ARE

OPPOSED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PUPPET REGIME IN THEIR COUNTRY.

THIS HAS BEEN REVEALED IN A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED HERE TODAY  
BY THE SOUTHWEST AFRICA PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION.

'MASSACRES, PUNITIVE EXPEDITIONS, NAPALM AND PELLET COMBINGS,  
THE USE OF BOODY TRAPS AND DESTRUCTION OF CROPS HAVE BECOME USUAL  
THINGS IN THESE ZONES', THE STATEMENT SAID.

AT THE SAME TIME CIA AND BOSS SPECIALISTS HAVE CREATED  
IN NAMIBIA A VAST REPRESSIVE SYSTEM WHICH RESTS OF NUMEROUS  
CONCENTRATION CAMPS.

"PARTICULARLY NOTORIOUS FOR THEIR BRUTALITY ARE AMERICANS  
SPECIALISTS AND FORMER SS MEN WHO SHARE THEIR 'EXPERIENCE'  
WITH BOSS SPECIALISTS, AFRICAN TRAITORS AND MERCENARIES."

"AT THE CONCENTRATION CAMPS IN OSHAKATI, OSHIKANGO, APINGA,  
AND ONONU WERE ANGOLAN TRAITORS FROM THE UNITA AND FNLA  
ALSO UNDERGO 'PRATICAL TRAINING', NAMIBIA PATRIOTS AND  
HOSTAGES ARE TORTURED WITH ELETRIC CURRENT, SUSPENDE BY  
THE LIMBS, THE SUN, PARTS OF THEIR FLESH ARE CUT OUT AND GODS  
ARE SICCED ON THEM', THE STATEMENT DAYS.

SWAPO ALSO REVEALS THAT SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY CAMPS HAVE SPECIAL  
SECTIONS FOR PRISONERS. 'THE PRISONERS ARE USED, ON RE-  
COMMENDATION FROM AMERICAN MILITARY SPECIALISTS, AS LIVING  
TARGETS FOR PRACTICE SHOOTING.

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"THE PRISONERS ARE ORDERED TO RUNA AND ARE THEN FIRED AT NOT  
ONLY WITH CARABINES AND SUBMACHINEGUNS BUT ALSO WITH CANNONS  
AND MORTARS" IT SAID.

ON AIR FORCE FIRING RANGES WHOLE GROUPS OF PRISONERS ARE USED  
AS TARGETS FOR PRACTICE SHOOTING WITH ALL TYPES OF AIR CRAFT  
WEAPONS.

SUCH PRACTICE SHOOTING LEAVES A MASS OF EARTH AND BLOOD.  
AN AMERICAN MILITARY ADVISER WHO PREFERRED TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS, TOLD  
SOUTH AFRICAN CORRESPONDENTS.

"THEN ALL THIS IS BURNED WITH NAPALM BECAUSE, HE SAID, WERE  
NOT GOING TO REPEAT THE MISTAKES ONCE MADE BY HITLER WHO LEFT  
BEHIND SO MANY COMPROMISING TRACES"  
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